

Assistant Director for Operations

9 November 1950

Chief, [REDACTED]

Medical Support of OO Operation

1. Memorandum to ADO from Chief, Medical Staff dated 1 November 1950 and Official Routing Slip to Chief, [REDACTED] from ADO dated 2 November 1950, attached thereto.

1. All [REDACTED] field stations with the exception of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have been equipped with appropriate first aid and medical kits. The [REDACTED] have not expressed a need for such equipment inasmuch as they are small operations and have ready access to Army first aid and hospital facilities.

2. The [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] also have access to Army hospital facilities. Some shortcomings in services provided have been noted but no practicable remedial steps appear feasible. A doctor, or qualified medical technician, and fully equipped dispensary would be desirable for the [REDACTED] but the use which would be made of the services by [REDACTED] alone would not warrant the expense involved.

3. The [REDACTED] has full access to [REDACTED] socialized medical facilities which are complete and satisfactory.

4. The [REDACTED] is, of all [REDACTED] stations, most in need of additional medical support. Local hospital facilities and medical treatment are substandard and unreliable. Medical kits have been supplied by the Agency and a station doctor is hired on contract basis. However, his duties involve only first aid, treatment for injury or illness incurred while on duty, sanitary inspections, physical examination of locally-hired employees, and inoculations. Hospitalization of employees and dependents and medical care under supervision of the station medical officer would be desirable. An American doctor or qualified medical technician would also be expedient but such an employee could not be used full time by the station. It is recommended that all possible efforts be made to implement arrangements for furnishing such a doctor or medical technician to be used jointly by [REDACTED] and the State Department station on [REDACTED]

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5. This office is unable to state at this time what, if any, medical support may be required for future activities. However the Chief Surgeon, Medical Division will be promptly notified of such requirements if any should arise.

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